

From: Andrew Gilber
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/23/02 12:19pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please accept my comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement. I believe the agreement is inadequate and does little to remedy the monopoly situation Microsoft enjoys. The remedy does not adequately protect the consumer, and does not ensure freedom in choosing hardware, operating systems, and applications. It does not adequately ensure interoperability and adherence to public standards. Finally, and most importantly, I feel the continued monopoly power of Microsoft threatens the open source programming community. This community is now the only viable supplier of alternatives, and is clearly their next target. Microsoft's own public comments are frightening in this regard. Please exercise your trust more wisely. The proposed agreement is a sell out, and not in the public interest.

Thank you.

Andrew Gilbert
117 Century Mill Road
Bolton, MA 01740
978-779-9968